

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 543
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A RESOLUTION to request the President of the United States to
open the Federal oil reserves.

WHEREAS, the average price of gasoline has reached unprecedented levels in
Tennessee and the United States during the past few months; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year the American motoring public was faced with rapidly
escalating gas prices that rose at the rate of nearly a penny a day creating a financial hardship
for individual Americans; and

WHEREAS, such financial burden is now additionally being felt by businesses and
industries trying to cope with unbudgeted costs for fuel and transportation that will ultimately
result in rising costs for the American consumer and the potential loss of American jobs; now,
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we hereby request the President of the United States of America, the
Honorable George W. Bush, to open the Federal oil reserves to help offset the high cost of
gasoline and protect the American public from economic hardship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared and
sent to President George W. Bush and each member of the U.S. Congressional Delegation from
Tennessee.